

# EX-SERVANT NAMES HALL GOSSIPS

## Barbara Tough Reluctantly Tells On Guild 'Girls'

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in black, expressed the hope that the "pig woman" would recover.

The serious illness of the star witness for the state provided counsel of both sides with arms for a clash.

"If she dies, we will be deprived of the privilege of cross-examining her," Robert H. McCarter said. "We are more anxious to have her take the stand than Senator Simpson is."

"We never had anything to fear from her testimony," rejoined the special prosecutor.

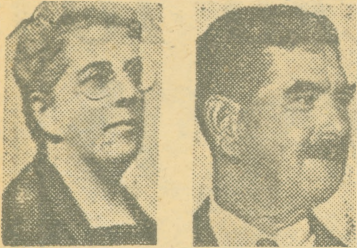
### Barbara Tough Recalled

Barbara Tough, upstairs maid in the Hall home at the time of the slayings was recalled to the stand by Prosecutor Simpson.

Barbara wore the same old-fashioned brown jacket and flopping, black hat, with its funny little white celluloid ornament, that she wore Wednesday. Her Scotch burr made her testimony difficult to follow.

Q. Did you have to pass Mr. Stevens's or Mr. Hall's room to go to bed? A. Not exactly.

The maid said she remembered



Mrs. Frances Hall Henry Stevens

Willie's door was open, but that she did not observe the entrance to Mrs. Hall's room.

Barbara had said at Wednesday's hearing that she saw nobody in the Hall home on the murder night, when Mrs. Hall and Willie both said they had not left the house.

Q. What was Mr. Stevens's habit as to being out of the house at

night? A. He was seldom out after 8 o'clock.

Q. You said there was much gossip among the guild girls about Dr. Hall and Mrs. Mills being together at an outing, and Mrs. Hall not there? A. There was gossip.

Q. Do you remember the names of any of the girls?

Senator Case, for the defense, objected, and Simpson dropped his question, saying he would get the names outside of court.

At this point a jury man protested he could not understand



Charlotte Mills Mrs. Eleanor Mills

Barbara, because of her brogue.

Case cross-examined, drawing from the witness a description of streets and grounds about the Hall home. She placed the "side entrance" which she used to enter, about 10 o'clock on the murder night, as leading to Townsend Street.

### Saw Nothing Unusual

Q. You had some sort of a signal arrangement so that you would know the others were in and you would lock up and go to bed? A. Yes.

Q. And you found that signal that night? A. Yes.

Q. There was nothing unusual about the appearance of the house that night? A. No.

Q. Going upstairs that night, you didn't go anywhere near the bedroom of Mr. and Mrs. Hall? A. No, I couldn't see it.

Q. They occupied the same bedroom and the same bed? A. Yes, sir.

The defense was creating the impression that the mere fact Miss Tough did not see her mistress meant nothing, that Mrs. Hall and Willie were in their beds and that a maid naturally would not enter there.

Case then switched to happenings in the Hall home the day after the murders. The maid repeated her direct testimony that Willie

told her on Friday that his sister had awakened him "out of a sound sleep" in the early morning of the same day.

Mrs. Hall smiled almost brightly when Senator Case had trouble over the pronunciation of the maid's name.

"Its T-o-o-h," the witness explained with her Scotch burr, "but it's hard to pronounce, I guess."

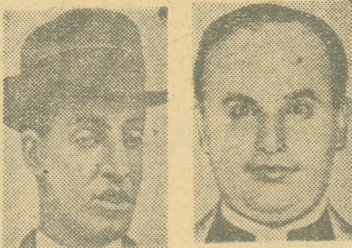
Miss Tough said it was her custom to take a glass of water to her mistress's bedroom at night. This would seem to have given her occasion to know whether Mrs. Hall was at home on the murder night, when the state claims she was out.

The defense answered this by having the maid testify today that Thursday, September 14, was her day out, and that on every Thursday some other maid took the water to Mrs. Hall.

Mrs. Hall and Henry Stevens leaned forward attentively as the quaint little maid racked her memory for the names of the "gerruls."

### Willie Giggles Delightedly

August Studer, defense lawyer, carefully jotted down the names as Willie Stevens, giggling in delight, gave Studer the correct spelling.



Ralph Gorsline Rev. E. H. Hall

A. Oh, I hate too. It's so mean of me. They wouldn't be mean to me. It'll all come out in the papers.

It took several minutes for defense counsel, the court and Simpson to persuade Barbara it was her duty to tell.

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Mabel Demarest was one, she said—she didn't remember her married name. There was Nellie Thompson, Mrs. Tund, Lillian Davis and the two Anderson girls. "The whole shooting match," talked it over—the choice gossip—the maid finally blurted out.

In asking Miss Tough about the watchman Fisher, Case had the maid admit that she had heard of her mistress receiving many threats and "crank" notes following the murders.

That was the only reason for her—

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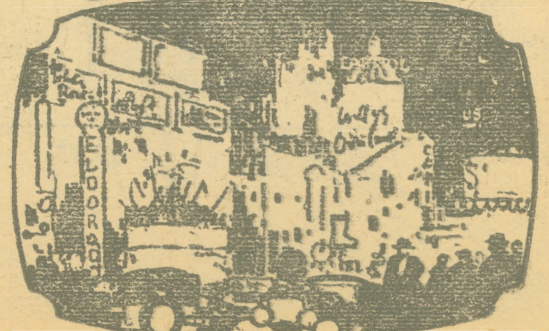
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